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Fair Winds and Following Seas

The following personnel are scheduled to retire from military service August 2005:

Capt. Charles C. Miller, III, PWC Jacksonville Det., Pensacola, 26 years
 Capt. William M. Peacock, III, NAVFAC Far East, 24 years
 Cmdr. Mary J. Helinski, Engineering Field Activity Southeast, 21 years
 Lt. Cmdr. James M. Collins, Public Works Development Group, 20 years

Female Seabee Killed in Iraq

On June 23, Seabees mourned the loss of its tenth member killed in action in *Operation Iraqi Freedom* (OIF). Petty Officer 1st Class Regina R. Clark, 43, of Centralia, Wash., died in a convoy that was attacked by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in Fallujah, Iraq. She was a culinary specialist deployed with Naval Construction Regiment Detachment 30, Port Hueneme, Calif., and was temporarily assigned to II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). Clark is the Navy's first female OIF/OEF combat-related casualty. In addition to Clark, five other service members were killed in the attack.

Clark, who was a Desert Storm veteran, was serving on her second mobilization since 2003. She had volunteered to work at an entry control point in Fallujah, assisting Marines search women and children entering and leaving the city.

In her civilian life, Clark worked at the Cedar Creek Corrections Center in Littlerock, Wash. She leaves behind a son, Kerry Clark (18).

Memorial services were held June 30 in Fallujah and July 7 in Centralia.

Source: *Compiled from news reports and Department of Defense news releases.*

NAVFAC Forester Honored for Saving Old Growth Trees

Walter Briggs, a Navy forester who has spent more than 20 years protecting old growth forest on Navy land, was honored June 18 with the dedication of the "Walter Briggs Old Growth Forest" at Naval Radio Station (T) Jim Creek, Oso, Wash. Briggs is a forester with Naval Facilities Engineering Command's Engineering Field Activity Northwest in Poulsbo, Wash.

The naming of a Naval asset for Briggs represents a rare exception to Department of Defense tradition, which normally honors past presidents and deceased service members.

"This is an incredible story of one forester's ceaseless efforts to protect an irreplaceable natural ecosystem," said Rear Adm. Len Hering, Commander, Navy Region Northwest, who spoke at the dedication. "There's no better example of our pride in preserving the environment than the Walter Briggs Old Growth Forest."

Briggs is responsible for natural resource management on hundreds of thousands of acres of Navy land, including more than 15,000 acres of commercial-grade timberland stretching from Arizona to Alaska. But the old growth trees at Jim Creek have always had a special place in his heart.

"It is beautiful, awe-inspiring, intricate, complex and spiritually refreshing," said Briggs. "It is an astounding natural wonder. The first time I stood in the midst of a giant Sitka spruce, I thought, 'This must be saved.'"

The property at Jim Creek covers 4,700 acres of land at the base of the Cascade Mountains. The VLF transmitter there began operating in 1951 and is still a vital part of Navy's worldwide fleet strategic communications system.

Briggs explained that when the Navy acquired the site from Soundview Pulp Company in 1950, only the land was purchased. The commercial timber company kept the rights to harvest the trees on the land, and by 1954, more than 99 percent of the timber had been logged. The remaining narrow band of trees was pristine, old growth forest covering 225 acres. It consists of Douglas fir, western red cedar, Sitka spruce and Pacific yew trees -- some up to 10 feet in diameter, many more than 300 feet tall and some with tree-

rings showing ages up to 1,700 years old. The area, which includes rare alpine "palustrine" wetlands, is officially classified as a low elevation Sitka spruce forest. It's also the nesting ground for eagles and the threatened marbled murrelet water bird.

"There's no way to recreate a tree like this," Briggs said, pointing to a western red cedar. "When William the Conqueror became King of England at the Battle of Hastings in the year 1066, this tree was already more than 100 feet tall."

In 1991, Congress authorized the Department of Defense Legacy Program, which set aside \$10 million to preserve unique natural and cultural resources on military land throughout the nation. Briggs worked with the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Puget Sound to receive legacy program funding for \$3 million, almost one third of the Department of Defense's budget, to buy the timber rights from the new owner, Scott Paper Company.

"I feel great personal and professional satisfaction in playing a part in preserving this magnificent forest," said Briggs. "After all these years, it is still thrilling to walk through it and explain it to school kids, visiting dignitaries and military members. I am humbled to have my name attached to such an awesome natural wonder."

Source: QM2(SW) David Sturgell, Staff Writer, Navy Region Northwest Public Affairs. Photos by PH3 Douglas Morrison. Pat Callendar, Engineering Field Activity Northwest Public Affairs, also contributed to this story.

NMCB 74 Volunteers Help Make Okinawa Special Olympics a Success

Fifteen Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, spent some off-duty time volunteering at the 6th annual Okinawa Special Olympics at Japan's Kadena High School June 25. The event, which began as a friendship program between U.S. service members and the people of Okinawa, brought 879 Special Olympics athletes from across the island together in the spirit of competition.

"An event of this magnitude could never get off the ground if it were not for the volunteers who make it happen," said Brig. Gen Jan-Marc Jouas, Commander 18th Wing Kadena Air Base. "The athletes also give something to volunteers that can sometimes be hard to remember in today's world -- that there's more to life than just winning. It's equally important to get out there and give all you've got regardless of the outcome."

For one fearless volunteer, the event offered much more. Chief Petty Officer Beverly Malm, a hospital corpsman, spent her day assigned as a hugger. "I was assigned to a special needs child and went to each event to cheer them on and be a 'buddy' for the day," Malm said.

At first, the language barrier seemed it would be a bit of a damper. "As the day went along, we broke down that barrier and had so much fun playing and learning about each other," she added.

Source: JO1 (SW) Rob Wesselman, NMCB 74 Public Affairs. Photos by PH2 (SCW/FMF) Eric Powell

Navy Honors Best Transportation Fleet Managers

Equipment Operator Second Class (EO2) Jesse G. Evans and Sharyl Blackington, two Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) employees, were awarded the Robert Ronick Navy Fleet Manager of the Year award June 6 at the Navy Transportation Conference in Nashville, Tenn. The Navy-wide awards – one for large fleets of 500 or more vehicles and one for small fleets of fewer than 500 vehicles – recognize individuals who have demonstrated exceptional skills and abilities in the Navy motor vehicle fleet management profession.

Small Fleet Award Winner

EO2 Jesse G. Evans was named the Small Fleet award winner for his work as fleet manager at Naval Air Station (NAS), Joint Reserve Base (JRB), Fort Worth, Tx. He supports and provides transportation customer service to 34 joint-force host and tenant commands encompassing 10,800 military and Navy/Air Force civil service personnel. The 126 pieces of equipment for which he is responsible include light and heavy-duty vehicles, material handling equipment and other equipment with an annual budget of \$450,000.

Evans was instrumental in accomplishing a 100 percent conversion rate to alternative fuel vehicles, exceeding the EPA-mandate of 75 percent. He replaced higher cost full size vehicles with golf carts and electric cars, saving thousands of dollars while still getting the job done. Among his other accomplishments were testing a prototype management information system before rollout to other Navy fleet managers and reducing annual accident costs for the base by 40 percent through training and awareness efforts.

Large Fleet Award Winner

Sharyl Blackington was named the Large Fleet award winner for her role as transportation department head at Public Works Center San Diego where she is responsible for the management of a diverse fleet of 5,500 units of transportation equipment, including light and heavy vehicles, crane and rigging support, wharf building, divers, refuse and recycling and weight handling equipment operations, maintenance, testing and certification. The value of the fleet is in excess of \$250 million.

Blackington demonstrated an impressive commitment to providing transportation products and services with the highest levels of quality and client focus. Her product line provides direct fleet support to afloat units to Naval Bases San Diego, Coronado and Point Loma and plays a key role in the overall mission readiness of these units. Under her leadership, the Transportation Department provides superior support to these fleet customers. Among her specific accomplishments are: converting 550 vehicles from Navy owned to GSA lease; integrating approximately 2,300 regional equipment assets into the command's inventory; implementing use of biodiesel fuel; reducing the automotive maintenance shop footprint at Naval Base Coronado which resulted in an annual cost savings of \$100,000 – savings which will be passed along to the command's customers.

The Robert Ronick Navy Fleet Manager of the Year award is named in honor of Robert Ronick, a recognized leader in the Navy fleet management community who died in 2003 while serving as the Navy fleet manager at the former Navy Public Works Center Yokosuka, Japan.

Source: Gary Lind, NAVFAC Base Support Vehicles and Equipment Product Line Leader

NAVFAC, NOAA Partner to Restore Eroding Shoreline *Project combines security with environmental restoration*

In a unique partnership between Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Washington and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), more than 1,000 feet of shoreline was restored

along the St. Mary's River at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River's Webster Field annex in southern Maryland, June 14.

More than 120 volunteers from NOAA joined the Navy in planting 54 trays of underwater grasses, installing 5,400 wetland plants, distributing 100 bags of native oysters and removing invasive species from the water's edge. This was the latest phase in a multi-year project that has led to the restoration of more than 3,500 feet of shoreline and planting of more than 35,000 wetland plants.

"This is a great partnership," said Donald R. Schregardus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Environment). "I truly appreciate all the NOAA volunteers working with the Navy to help protect the Chesapeake Bay." Schregardus and Timothy Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Oceans and Atmosphere), joined the volunteers in digging up phragmites - an invasive weed that is detrimental to wildlife, cleaning up debris from the shoreline, setting oysters in the reef and planting underwater grasses. All of these activities contribute to stabilizing the shoreline and improving water quality and habitat in the St. Mary's River, which is an important tributary to the Chesapeake Bay.

"A part of the overall restoration effort was a demonstration project to see how we can combine force protection elements with habitat restoration," said Tommy Wright, NAVFAC Washington Natural Resources Specialist. NAVFAC built an oyster reef along a small section of shoreline using large boulders, rocks and oyster shell. "In this time of terrorist threats to our facilities, we can go out and extend the protection out into the water but at the same time we can create habitat."

The project began two years ago with the installation of stone breakwaters and the oyster reef. Last year, volunteers from the National Aquarium in Baltimore and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay partnered with the Environmental Department of NAS Patuxent River, NAVFAC Washington, St. Mary's County Soil Conservation District and the Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Board to stabilize the shoreline, install oyster reefs and plant more than 30,500 units of marsh grasses.

NAVFAC Washington, together with more than 10 federal, state and non-profit partners earned a 2004 Coastal America Partnership award for the work they have done on the shoreline stabilization and restoration project.

Some of the most pristine pieces of land and waterline belong to the Navy. "It makes sense for us to partner with the community and protect these assets," said Wright. "After all, we live here too."

Source: John Verrico, NAVFAC Washington Public Affairs

NAVFAC Midwest a Most Efficient Operation

New organization structure designed to save the Navy money

The Navy is getting the 'best bang for its buck' since the implementation of the Most Efficient Operation (MEO) structure at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Midwest, Great Lakes, Ill.

"The MEO is not just about doing the same with less; it is truly about process improvement and operating smarter," said Capt. Ramé Hemstreet, Commanding Officer, NAVFAC Midwest. "We've made monumental organizational changes to achieve efficiencies and to provide our clients with the best-value facility maintenance solutions and services."

In June 2004, after the Commercial Activities (CA) study final decision to keep work in-house, NAVFAC Midwest began the process of transitioning employees into the MEO -- a transition that would forever change the organization and the way it does business in the Midwest. The former command of 500 people is now operating a 15 percent reduction in staff.

Under the MEO, NAVFAC Midwest developed a centralized dispatching operation that functions in a similar way to an airport control tower. Operators use Nextel phones to dispatch work requests directly to workers in the field -- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This new technique enables workers to respond to service calls more quickly and eliminates the need for them to report to their shops to receive new job assignments.

A "Shop Store on Wheels" was also implemented. Under this concept, government vehicles are stocked with tools and other necessary work items, turning them into "mini warehouses." The materials are packaged and then delivered to workers in the field each week. With this cost saving initiative, employees have everything they need at their worksite, thus eliminating time delays for driving and sitting at traffic lights and gate entrances.

To further increase productivity, distinct service zones were established onboard the Naval Station. By using these zones, workers spend less time transiting to service calls and worksites. This process improvement also enables workers to execute their trades more quickly by being in a specific zone, with the right equipment on hand.

"NAVFAC Midwest is completely on track with the MEO implementation," said Hemstreet. "Through the MEO, we continue to remain innovative, flexible, responsive and cost effective to help clients meet their mission requirements."

As the command continues to fine-tune the MEO, the focus remains on providing clients the best-value facility maintenance solutions and services; improving productivity; eliminating duplication; and providing continuous cost reduction to the Navy.

Source: *Marcia Goods, NAVFAC Midwest Public Affairs*

Seabees Participate In Joint Training Exercise

Looking down the barrel of a possible deployment, 130 Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 18 gathered in Fort Harrison, Mont., June 10 to continue a four-day exercise designed to hone their combat life-saving and rifle skills.

The exercise marked the joint cooperation between the Montana Army National Guard and NMCB 18, representing much of Montana and several Western states.

Lt. Cmdr. Mike Miner, executive officer of NMCB 18, said the exercise was designed to prepare the Seabees for the changing nature of warfare and combat construction.

"There are no front lines anymore," Miner said. "We're not an assault force, but we do have to start changing our training venues. If we don't do this yearly, we lose the ability to defend ourselves."

A similar mobile construction battalion saw heavy casualties last year in Iraq when it encountered unexpected combat. The lack of medical training within that battalion, Miner said, put added pressure on its Navy corpsmen to treat the casualties.

At the Naval Reserve Center here, a group of Seabees honed their own combat life-saving skills, learning how to administer IVs, seal chest wounds and splint broken bones. Chief Hospital Corpsman Tammy Schusted of Missoula oversaw the training, stressing its place on the battlefield.

"The Seabees are starting to incorporate this into our training curriculum," Schusted said, teaching a team how to splint an arm. "These people will be out on the lines pulling security or working construction. They'll be the first responders to a casualty."

A red flag blew beyond the Naval Reserve Center indicating a live-fire exercise in progress. The pop of small-arms fire and the thunder of crew-served machineguns sounded across the fort.

MOA 1st Class Rick Starks, a Montana Highway Patrol officer from Billings, said the logistics of the exercise proved challenging. With grenade launchers, machine guns, shotguns, and M-16 rifles — plus 17,000 rounds of ammunition — the firing line was hot.

As the Seabees took to the line, waiting for the all-clear from the observation tower, Starks praised the cooperation of the Montana Army National Guard and Fort Harrison as a top-notch training facility.

"They've been outstanding in their cooperation," Starks said of the Guard. "Without them, we wouldn't have been able to pull this off. This is an outstanding facility. As much money as they've pumped into it, it's worth it."

The machine guns — an evolution of the M-60 used in the first Gulf War — were a media favorite. Teams operated the weapons in pairs, one firing, the other spotting and ensuring the ammunition belt fed smoothly.

A tracer marked every fifth round in the ammunition belt. The rounds burned bright across the firing range, fading out 800 meters in the distance. Nearby, others fired slugs from .12 gauge shotguns or took aim at pop-up targets on the M-16 range.

While the military excludes women from combat units, the chaotic nature of battle in Iraq means everyone must be prepared for action. The integrated nature of the Seabees puts women alongside men on the firing line.

"Women have no restrictions," said Chief Petty Officer Cathy Darko. "We're side-by-side with the men. Women are trained just like the men are."

"We're not segregated by men and women," added Chief Dan Conner of Boise. "We're Seabees, and Seabees are becoming a very versatile outfit. We don't have the Marines as backups. We're not just construction anymore."

As for the rumors of a pending deployment, Conner added, "We don't have dates or specifics, and we don't have an official warning order, but the writing is on the wall."

Source: *Martin J. Kidston, Features Writer, Independent Record. Reprinted with permission. Read the original article [online](#).*

NAVFAC Atlantic Structural Engineer Recognized With SAME Tudor Medal

Brian Crowder, a structural engineer in the Capital Improvements Business Line at NAVFAC Atlantic, was recently awarded the Society of American Military Engineers Tudor Medal for his outstanding contributions to Navy engineering.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Crowder has been active in organizing technical seminars and lectures to provide anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) training and he led the development of the Navy criteria for entry control facilities, which was published May 25 as a Department of Defense Unified Facilities Criteria manual.

Since February 2004, Crowder has provided reach back engineering and design support to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Engineer Group (MEG) in support of engineering operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. He designed expeditionary berthing bunkers to protect U.S. Marines living in Husaybah, Iraq, innovatively creating a structure of sand and timber that can withstand indirect fire attacks by anti-coalition forces.

Crowder was also the NAVFAC Atlantic damage assessment team leader supporting NAVFAC Southern Division in Pensacola, Fla., following Hurricane Ivan.

The Tudor medal, named in honor of Ralph A. Tudor, a civilian engineer and builder, is awarded for outstanding contribution to engineering, design, construction, research and development, or planning by a civilian member of the society, age 35 or younger.

Source: *Tara Moeller, NAVFAC Atlantic Public Affairs*

Active, Reserve Seabees Join Forces for Operation Bearing Duel

Nearly 600 Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 were joined by 500 'Bees' from NMCB 25 for "Operation Bearing Duel" field exercise (FEX) at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., from late April to early May. The FEX was designed to prepare the battalions and certify them as "ready" for future deployments and contingency operations to areas outside the Continental United States.

During the 18-day field exercise, Seabees trained in tactical movement and combat operations as well as force protection, CBR (Chemical/Biological/Radiological) drills, reconnaissance and patrols and learned to operate in a hostile field environment while sustaining construction and security operations through various contingency environments. Simultaneously, the battalions engaged in a variety of projects, including a water purification project, construction of a medium-girder bridge and building a timber tower and security bunker at the FOB.

Additional emphasis was placed on planning, practicing immediate action drills and execution of convoys. During the course of the exercise, both battalions ran dozens of convoys with the constant threat of incursions and attacks by 'enemy' forces.

According to Senior Chief Builder (SCW) Charlotte E. Romine, NMCB 3 battalion operations chief, this particular field exercise is unique from previous field exercises in that each battalion established its own Logistics Support Area (LSA) and then moved out to a common Forward Operating Base (FOB).

"In the past, we shared an LSA with another battalion, occupying a specific location and then stayed put," she noted. "For this exercise, the battalions are continuously mobile, deploying a number of detachments, reconstituting them, and then relocating to another area again, making the scenarios as realistic as possible -- putting the 'mobile' in Naval Mobile Construction Battalion."

NMCB 3, an active duty battalion headquartered in Port Hueneme, Calif., is one of eight active battalions tasked with providing advance base construction, battle damage repair, contingency engineering, humanitarian assistance and disaster recovery support to fleet and unified commanders.

NMCB 25 is a reserve battalion headquartered at Fort McCoy, Wis., with detachments at Naval Reserve Centers in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. It provides and maintains a trained, ready and immediately available organized reserve force capable of responding to the requirements of the Naval Construction Force.

Source: JOSN Ron Kuzlik, USNR, 1st Naval Construction Division Public Affairs

Construction Projects:

NAVFAC, Seabees Support Navy, Marine Corps Readiness

NAVFAC, Seabees Construct Jacksonville Recycling Center

Jacksonville, Fla. – In May, the 'can do' Seabees of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202 (CBMU-202) Detachment Jacksonville, Fla., completed construction on a new 4,000 sq. foot storage facility for the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) Recycling Center. The new storage facility will provide a greater return on investment because it improves the capacity for recyclable material storage and keeps materials out of the weather.

Ensign Charity Anderson, NAVFAC Facilities Team Southeast's Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, turned the building over to the NAS Jax Morale, Welfare and Recreation during a May 16 ribbon cutting ceremony. NAVFAC enlisted the assistance of CBMU-202 on this project to save construction costs and provide the Seabees with a vital training opportunity.

"Placing the concrete slab was one of the biggest issues of the project. Assembling the building was the easiest part -- it's just a big erector set," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Lawson, the unit's subject matter expert on pre-engineered buildings.

Source: SW1 (SCW) Justin Edwards, CBMU-202. Photo by Sue Brink, Facilities Team Southeast Public Affairs

NAVFAC Helps Break Ground on Training Facility for Navy Cargo Handlers

Jacksonville, Fla. – Marine Col. Carl Matter, Commanding Officer, Blount Island Command, addresses members of Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 11 during a June 4 groundbreaking ceremony for the Battalion's new state-of-the-art training facility at Blount Island, Fla.

NAVFAC's Facilities Team Southeast awarded the \$2.1 million contract to BKM, Inc., of Jacksonville, Fla., for design and construction of the training and vehicle maintenance facility.

"The new facility will drastically improve the way we perform maintenance on our equipment," said CM1 Robert Arndt. "It will allow the maintenance function to be completed in one building rather than the three that it is currently performed in."

The training facility is expected to be complete in February 2006.

Source: Sue Brink, Facilities Team Southeast Public Affairs

Norfolk's New Club and Catering Center a Quality of Life Improvement

Norfolk, Va. – Officials break ground June 6 for the Vista Point Club and Catering Center at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. The facility will feature four banquet rooms and a view of the Willoughby Bay, providing Sailors and commands with a first-class location for private gatherings or command functions.

NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic awarded, and is managing, the \$4.5 million contract, which is expected to be complete in summer 2006. A footbridge and observation deck will also be built as part of a Vista Point Shoreline Repair project slated to begin this fall, which will connect the Vista Point Club to a small beach area on the seaward side of the revetment. The Shoreline Repair project will repair the revetment and

jogging path that was damaged during Hurricane Isabel. The project was designed by the Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District Office.

Pictured from left are: Sheldon Johnson, Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction; Capt. Jerry Becker, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk; Roni Clymer, Club Manager, Naval Station Norfolk; Mike Roussey, Superintendent for Parkway Construction; Capt. Mark Handley, Commanding Officer, NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic; and Capt. Casey Collins, Program Director for Support Services Mid-Atlantic Region.

Source: *Robin Willis, NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs. Photo by JO1 (SW/AW) Terrence L. Jefferson*

New Miramar Lodging Serves Marines and Families

San Diego, Calif. – Officials cut the ribbon June 10 on a \$5 million, 52-room addition to the Miramar Inn, a temporary lodging facility at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, Calif. The project also provides parking, irrigated landscaping and spaces for leisure activities such as plazas, patios and a playground.

The project was a team effort between NAVFAC Southwest Division, its Resident Officer in Charge of Construction Miramar Office, the Marine Corps Community Services Miramar Team and the contractor, Harper Construction Company.

“This project is a superb example of what we term as partnership in facilities construction,” said Cmdr. Thomas Satterly, Assistant Operations Officer, NAVFAC Southwest Division. “The team ensured all the key players had a voice in the success.”

Pictured from left are: Brig. Gen. Carl Jensen, Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area and Commanding General for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar; Ron Harper, Harper Construction; Cmdr. Thomas Satterly; Col. Ray Adamiec, Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, MCAS Miramar; Rick Snee, General Manager, Miramar Inn; and Fran McComb, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Marine Corps Community Services.

Source: *Lee H. Saunders, NAVFAC Southwest Division Public Affairs*

NAVFAC Washington Preserves Rich History of Naval IG Building

Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. – Vice Adm. Ronald Route, Naval Inspector General, joins Jill Loftus, Deputy Inspector General, and Bill Allbright, Resources Management Director, to cut the ribbon June 17 on new office space for the Naval Inspector General (IG) offices at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

NAVFAC Washington awarded and oversaw the \$2.8 million contract to renovate the historic building that now serves as the IG’s home. The building, constructed in 1918, originally served as home to the Navy Bureau of Ordnance’s Experimental Mine Laboratory. Barclay White/Coakley Williams Construction was the contractor.

The new IG spaces were created by stripping the existing interior of the building down to the frame, while preserving the unique Egyptian Revival architecture of the exterior. The interior was then rebuilt using state-of-the-art HVAC, lighting and electrical systems. The renovation also included installation of an elevator, new windows and electronically controlled high-density file systems.

“Very few interior walls were built,” said Ensign Dawn Moore, NAVFAC Washington Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction. “Instead, floor to ceiling partitions were used so if the needs of the IG change in the future, the interior layout can easily be adjusted to meet those needs.”

Source: *John Verrico, NAVFAC Washington Public Affairs. Photo by Kelly Turner.*

State-of-the-Art Medical, Dental Clinic Under Construction in D.C.

Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. – While it may look like a steel skeleton now, Building 175 at the Washington Navy Yard is evolving into a state-of-art medical and dental clinic where world-class health care will be provided to Navy and Marine Corps personnel. The facility will provide primary and preventative care, occupational medicine, optometry, pharmacy, radiology, pathology laboratory, dental treatment spaces, a prosthetic lab and central supply to support the medical and dental administration.

“This is a great opportunity for NAVFAC Washington,” said Lt. Summer Jones, Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction. “We have always supported our Navy and Marine Corps and it is an honor to provide a facility that will render the best healthcare to our war fighters.”

NAVFAC Washington awarded the \$11.2 million contract to John C. Grimberg Company, Inc., to build the facility, which is expected to be complete in spring 2006.

Source: *Winston Allen, NAVFAC Washington Public Affairs*

CECOS FY06 Course Schedule Now Online

The FY06 CECOS course schedule is now available online at www.cecoss.navy.mil.

Military and civilian employees should review their respective training plans for the next fiscal year and begin submitting online quota requests via the CECOS Web site. In addition to courses offered at Port Hueneme, CECOS is offering several exportable training opportunities (All Training Divisions) as well computer-based training (Environmental Division) to help defray travel costs.

Specific questions regarding courses and FY06 class offerings should be directed to the various Course Directors via the CECOS Web site.

Source: *Lt. Cmdr. Marc Delao, CECOS*

Mandatory Ethics Training Required for Acquisition Community Members

All acquisition workforce members (DAWIA) are now required to take a mandatory ethics module. The ethics training is an online module and takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete. This ethics training is not the same as the annual ethics training that is hosted by Counsel offices. This training is specifically geared toward positions in the acquisition workforce.

The training module can be accessed by logging onto the Register-Now for DAU Training Web site at: www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/registernow.

From this bulletin board, proceed by selecting Main Menu in top right corner; log in; select Prepare Applications at the student Action Menu; if your profile needs to be updated or created, the system will first direct you there; at the course selection screen, FY2005, Select the Training Category "DAU Continuous Learning Modules"; wait while the system brings up the selected course list, then select "CLM-003 ETHICS TNG FOR ACQ, TECHNOLOGY, & LOGISTICS"; on the Location Selection screen select "DAU Virtual

Campus (DAU Continuous Learning Module)"; on the Class Selection screen select Class 888. That brings you to the top of your application form; scroll to the bottom and click Submit This Application. Wait for the onscreen confirmation before proceeding.

At this point you are one step from enrollment; DAU will automatically process the application and notify you by email on how to proceed. The training takes an average of 1.5 hours online. When completed (if enrolled through this method) you will automatically be assigned CL points within Register-Now.

Source: *Joy Bird, NAVFAC HQ Community Management Office*

Former Civil Engineer Corps Admiral Passes Away

Rear Adm. Spencer Smith, 89

Rear Adm. Spencer R. Smith, CEC, USN (Ret.), passed away March 6 at the Arcadia Retirement Residence in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was 89 years old.

Rear Adm. Smith graduated from Yale University in 1937 and worked for Skidmore, Owings and Merrill Architects in New York City. He was commissioned an Ensign in April 1941 and his first Navy Civil Engineer Corps duty was Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, where he was serving when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Smith's distinguished 31-year military career included assignments as Commander, Construction Battalions, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, in Davisville, R.I., and Officer in Charge of Construction, NAVFAC Contracts, Southeast Asia, in Saigon. As OICC RVN, he was awarded the Legion of Merit with combat "V" for leadership of the billion dollar engineering and construction contract in Vietnam.

Smith retired in 1972 as the Commander, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Commander, Third Naval Construction Brigade, Pearl Harbor. Upon his Navy retirement he served as Vice President in charge of construction financing with the Bank of Hawaii.

A long-time resident of Honolulu, he is predeceased by his wife of more than 60 years, Elizabeth, who died in 2004, and is survived by sons, Spencer, Jr., Gregory, Austin and Reid; daughter, Shelley McFadden; and 12 grandchildren.

Interment with Full Military Honors was held at Arlington National Cemetery on June 23. Memorial contributions may be sent to either: Central Union Church, 1660 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96826 or to the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 657, Gulfport, MS 38502 (contributions to the Historical Foundation will be earmarked for the new construction of the Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme, Calif.)

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Awards

Bronze Star Medal

Cmdr. Raymond J. Mardini receives the Bronze Star Medal from Rear Adm. Michael Loose, Commander, NAVFAC and Chief of Civil Engineers and Anne Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Infrastructure Strategy and Analysis, during a ceremony at the Pentagon July 5. Mardini was awarded the medal for his service as Project and Contracting Office (PCO) Governorate Coordinator and Military Linguist for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Karbala, Iraq, from March 20 to September 20 2004.

Meritorious Service Medal

Capt. David W. Mathias, CEC, USN, from September 2003 to June 2005 as Assistant Commander for Engineering Programs, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and as Special Assistant to the Office of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C.

Cmdr. Beth L. Hartmann, CEC, USN, from August 2003 to May 2005 as Executive Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), Washington, D.C.

Cmdr. John V. Heckmann, Jr., CEC, USN, from July 2003 to June 2005 as Director, Engineering Operations Center, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C.

Cmdr. Marko Medved, CEC, USN, from January 2003 to June 2005 as Public Works Officer, Indian Head, Md., for Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division; Public Works Center Washington and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington.

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Lt. Cmdr. Gregor S. Bo, CEC, USN, from May 2002 to July 2005 as the Officer in Charge, Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, East Coast Detachment, Washington, D.C.

Lt. Cmdr. Robert D. McClellan, CEC, USN, from June 2003 to July 2005 as the Ocean Operations Division Director, Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.

Lt. Matthew G. Grant, CEC, USN, from May 2003 to June 2005 as the Diving Operations Division Director, Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Lt. Gregory P. Jennings, CEC, USN, from August 2003 to July 2005 as Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Cultural Resources Program Manager, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Lt. Bryan J. Cody, CEC, USN, from September 2003 to June 2005 as the Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor Assistant Public Works Officer, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Lt. Jeffrey McQuillan, CEC, USN, from June 2003 to June 2005 as Ocean Engineer for Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.

Lt. j.g. Mark D. Hagen, CEC, USNR, from September 2003 to July 2005 as Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Naval Station Everett, Wash.

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